ment has approved in principle sale of power directly to the Railways by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in relation to the unallocated central share (15 per cent) of power from its stations. The tariffs in this regard are yet to be firmed up.

(c) NTPC has been trying to regulate supply of power to State Electricity Boards (SEBs) wherever technically possible; commensurate with payments.

(d) Supply of electricity is being regulated in the case of Haryana State Electricity Board (HSEB) and notice has already been given to Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB).

Areas recoverable from consumers by DESU

583. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount recoverable from the consumers by the Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking as on the 31st October, 1993;

(b) the number and names of organisataions against which bills amounting to more than Rs. five lakhs are outstanding; and

(c) what is the amount of the bills outstanding against these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in power tariff by DESU

584. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DESU (Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking) has increased the tariff chargeable from different categories of power consumers, with effect from October 1; 1993;

(b) if so, the revised rates and the percentage increase in each case;

(c) the reasons for such a high increase; and

(d) whether any protest or representations have been received from the consumers representatives and Members of Parliament; i fso, the main grounds advanced therein and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) DESU has revised its electricity tarff from 1-10-1993 due to alround increase in the cost of various inputs for power generation|purchase of power and to reduce its financial losses. The revised rates and the percentage increase in respect of various categories is given in the statement (see below)

(d) The representations received by DESU from various consumer representatives/individuals were mainly against the proposed increase in rates, levy of minimum consumption charges, suggestions for reducing transmission and distribution losses, improvement in billing and operational efficinecy etc. The representations were given due consideration and some concessions were also given while finally approving the revised tariff.